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Re: MM Docket No. 97-188
RM-9137
Macon, Mississippi

Dear Ms. Salas:

Transmitted herewith, on behalf of Metro Radio, Inc., are an original and four copies of its "Withdrawal of Expression of Interest and Petition for Deletion of Allotment" with regard to the above-referenced proceeding.

Should any further information be required concerning this matter, please communicate with this office.

Very truly yours,
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In the Matter of)
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Amendment of Section 73.202(b),)
Table of Allotments,)
FM Broadcast Stations.)
(Macon, Mississippi))

MM Docket No. 97-188
RM-9137

Directed to: Chief, Allocations Branch, Policy and Rules Division, Mass Media Bureau

**WITHDRAWAL OF EXPRESSION OF INTEREST AND
PETITION FOR DELETION OF ALLOTMENT**

Metro Radio, Inc. ("Metro Radio"), by its attorneys, hereby respectfully submits its Withdrawal of Expression of Interest and Petition for Deletion with regard to the allotment of Channel 263A to Macon, Mississippi. With respect thereto, the following is stated:

1. On August 29, 1997, the Chief of the Allocations Branch released a *Notice of Proposed Rule Making* in the above-captioned proceeding, MM Docket 97-188, DA 97-1820 ("*NPRM*"), proposing the allotment of FM Channel 244A to Macon, Mississippi, as that community's first local aural transmission service. This *NPRM* was issued in response to a petition for rule making filed by Team Broadcasting Company, Inc. ("Team"), the initial proponent of the allotment.

2. Thereafter, on October 17, 1997, Metro Radio filed Comments supporting the allotment of Channel 244A to Macon. Team, on the other hand, filed on October 20, 1997, a

“Request to Dismiss Petition for Rulemaking,” in which it withdrew its earlier expression of interest in the proposed Macon allotment.

3. The Commission released its *Report and Order* (“*R&O*”) in the proceeding, DA 98-812, on May 1, 1998. Therein, the Commission allotted Channel 263A to Macon in lieu of Channel 244A in order to avoid a short-spacing conflict.

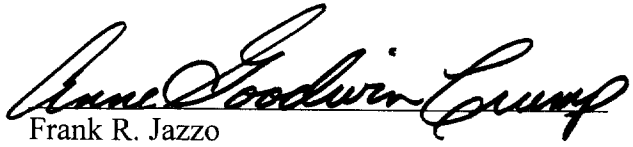
4. Due to changed circumstances, including the death of a principal, Metro Radio finds that it no longer has any interest in going forward with seeking a construction permit for and building a new station at Macon. Accordingly, Metro Radio hereby withdraws its earlier expression of its interest in the allotment and its intent to go forward with construction of a station there. Since the original proponent also has withdrawn its expression of interest in the allotment, it is clear that there is no party remaining with a continuing interest in pursuing a new station at Macon. Thus, at this juncture, there remains no party with any ongoing interest in the Macon allotment. Accordingly, the allotment of Channel 263A at Macon should be deleted.

5. This withdrawal of Metro Radio’s expression of interest is in accordance with Section 1.420(j) of the Commission’s Rules. As set forth in the attached Declaration of Carolyn Jackson, neither Metro Radio nor its principals either has received or will receive any monetary or other quantifiable consideration in connection with this withdrawal of Metro Radio’s expression of interest and request for deletion of the Macon allotment.

WHEREFORE, the premises considered, Metro Radio respectfully requests that Section 73.202(b), the Table of Allotments for FM broadcast stations, be amended to delete the allotment of Channel 263A at Macon, Mississippi.

Respectfully submitted,

METRO RADIO, INC.

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DECLARATION

I, Carolyn Jackson, hereby declare and state as follows:

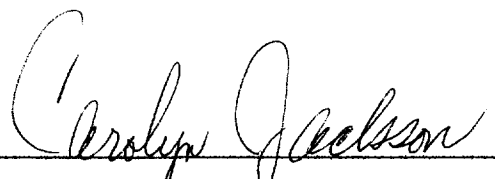
I am the Vice-President of Metro Radio, Inc. On October 17, 1997, Metro Radio, Inc. submitted to the Commission Comments in MM Docket 97-188, supporting the allotment of Channel 244A to Macon, Mississippi, and indicating its interest in applying for a construction permit and building a station at Macon. Thereafter, the Commission allotted Channel 263A to Macon by its *Report and Order* in MM Docket 97-812, DA 98-812, released May 1, 1998.

Due to changed circumstances, Metro Radio, Inc. is now withdrawing its support for the allocation of a channel to Macon. Metro Radio, Inc., has no further interest in going forward with construction of a station in Macon, Mississippi, at this time.

In connection with this withdrawal, neither Metro Radio, Inc., nor its principals has received or will receive any monetary or other quantifiable consideration.

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

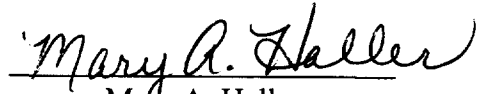
Dated this 23 day of September, 1999.


Carolyn Jackson

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Mary A. Haller, a secretary in the law firm of Fletcher, Heald & Hildreth, P.L.C., do hereby certify that true copies of the foregoing "Withdrawal of Expression of Interest and Petition for Deletion of Allotment" were sent this 30th day of September, 1999, by United States mail, postage prepaid, to the following:

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